THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) MAPE under Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987 is based on the measures announced by the Government in 1986. Since there has been an increase in MAPE under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, its benefits has also been passed on to the trade by increasing the trade margin. The increase in trade margin is based on the recommendations made by the Committee constituted by this Department for the purpose.

(d) to (f) Promotional Expenses etc. are not monitored by this Department. However, these expenses are required to be met out of MAPE.

Utilisation of Barauni refinery residue

1208. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it will be viable to use the petroleum residue of the Barauni Refinery in various down stream projects; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Residue ex-Barauni Refinery is already being used by Barauni Thermal Power Station, Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation, Barauni, Fertiliser Corporation of India, Sindri etc. as a low sulphur high pour fuel.

(b) Does not arise.

Andrological Departments in Hospitals

1209. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of hospitals in the country which have Andrological Departments; and

(b) whether Government propose to start these Departments in more hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) Andrology is the scientific study of the masculine constitution and of the diseases of the male sex; especially the study of diseases of the male organs. There is no separate Departments in the hospitals only for this purpose. However, male patients with sex problems are attended at every level by concerned doctors and referred, if necessary, to Endrocrinology Department which is meant for special investigation and advice for all sex and harmonal problems.

Incidence of 'Kala-Azar'

1210. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of 'Kala Azar' has increased over the recent years;

(b) what is the price of anti 'Kala-Azar' drug;

(c) whether there is a shortage of this drug; and

(d) whether there is a resistance to drugs on account of occurrence of relapses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes.

(b) According to available information approximate prices for anti Kala-Azar drugs are as under:—

	Rs.
Sodium Antimony Gluconate/ Stibanate	40.00 per vial.
(First line drug : indigenous production)	—
Pentamidine isethionate	150.00 per ampoules
(Second line drug : imported)	

(c) No shortage of indigenous drug—Sodium Antimony Gluconate|Stibanate has been reported, Pentamidine isethionate is beign imported through W.H.O.

(d) Yes. As per published reports, about 8 per cent Kala-Azar patients indicates unresponsiveness to Sodium Antimoney Gluconate/Stibante. These are treated with Pentamidine isethonate.

Supply of vaccines to Hospitals

1211. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply vaccines to the hospitals on monthly basis instead of the present system of supply on quarterly basis; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The vaccines are supplied to states who arrange further distribution including the Hospitals under their administrative control. Under immunisation programme, instructions already exist to supply the vaccines to all the institutions on monthly basis.

(b) Does not arise.

Allegations regarding pay-offs in Airbus A-320 deal

1212. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the management of Airbus Industries the European consortium which manufactures the Airbus aircraft has rejected the allegation made by the Prime Minister of India that pay offs were involved in the Airbus A-320 deal;

(b) whether the judges of the European consortium have described th allegation as defamatory and propose to file a defamation suit; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Government has no information to this effect.

(c) Does not arise.

Vadodara and Ahmedabad Airports

1213. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vadodara airport closes down at 2200 hours sharp;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the Ahmedabad airport is likely to be upgraded to the status of an international airport?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) At present, the facilities at Vadodara airport are provided upto 2200 hours. The aerodrome is open for operation as per published watch hours and it varies according to the schedule filed by Airlines.

(c) The work of upgradation of facilities at Ahmedabad airport has already started. The completion of the work depends on acquisition of land by the State Government Authorities for extension of runway.